



Janet Frye Rhodes

March 28, 2017

Janet Frye Rhodes left this earth to join Herb, her husband of 59 years on March 28, 2017 at Autumn Care of Salisbury.

Janet was the firstborn daughter of the late Joseph H. Frye and Katie Lee Maness Frye. Other deceased family members include her brother, Joseph H. Frye, Jr. and nephews: Joey Frye and Jimmy Trexler.

Among surviving family members are her children: Michael Wayne Rhodes of Cornelius, NC, Linda Susan Rhodes Deas of Mt. Pleasant, SC and Barbara Rhodes Key of Chester, VA. Also surviving is her sister, Shirley Frye Trexler (Jim) and their son, Pastor Timothy Scott Trexler of Shelby and his wife, Lisa and their daughter, Kari Willis (Andy) and son Timothy James (TJ); and her brother Rusty Frye and his wife Sharon of Rancho Santa Fe, CA and their sons Paul Brian Frye and Danny Frye. There are seven grandchildren: Camille Lesley Key, Cynthia Diane Key, Stephen Deas (Bo), Catherine Collin Deas, Calvin Harrison Deas, Madison Lee Rhodes, and Megan Michelle Rhodes and niece, Kim Miller. Janet was valedictorian of Rockwell High School in 1954. She graduated from Catawba College in 1958. Herb also attended Catawba College and Janet assisted him in attending UNC-Chapel Hill for Master's and Advanced Degrees. Then Janet attended UNC-Chapel Hill for her Master's Degree. Janet taught at East Rowan High School beginning the first year it was built for three years; Northwest Cabarrus County for one year; South Rowan High School for three years; Boyden High School for three years and the remainder of her teaching career at North Rowan High School for 20 years.

Mrs. Rhodes was a member of First United Church of Christ of Salisbury and has long been active in the work of the church.

The family will receive friends Friday (Mar. 31) from 11 AM-12 PM at First United Church of Christ.

The funeral will follow at noon at the church with Pastor Carol Hallman of First United Church of Christ and Pastor Tim Trexler of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. A private burial will be held at Rowan Memorial Park beside her beloved husband, Herbert Calvin Rhodes.

Memorials may be made to First United Church of Christ, 207 W. Horah St., Salisbury, NC 28144; Rowan Helping Ministries, PO Box 4026, Salisbury, NC 28145 and Rufty-Holmes

Senior Center, 1120 Walnut St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Rhodes family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Church of Christ
207 W. Horah St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Service

MAR 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My mother was my strength for many years. I was her first call in the morning and her last call in the evening. She gave me hope for a future much like hers with my father. She believed in me and loved the fact that I could communicate with her physicians with ease, a gift my parents gave me by educating me. She was an active part of the Salisbury community as well as First United Church of Christ. She taught many children in the Salisbury area. It was one of her many gifts. I was very fortunate to have been able to spend a lot of time with her and my dad over the last several years. Years that will help guide my future . I heard many stories of triumphs and many stories of trials but one thing always rang true was their bond of strength together especially in the tough times. The summer before my father passed I spent my weeks vacation from work with them. We spent hours going through old memories and their desires of the future. My mother had been ill for some time so it was very unexpected for my Dad to pass a few months later. It was devastating as is moms passing. No one is ever ready to be parentless, especially when your connection to your parents is very close. That first time you reach for your phone to call them and realize no one will be on the other end of the line , no answer, it's an empty emotion. I have no doubt the Tar Heels had help from above from two very avid tarheel fans in their winning of the national championship. She gave me a substantial gift that I will always treasure , her love. Love to my mom and dad
Love,Linda

linda - April 07, 2017 at 10:39 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I worked on the 3rd shift at Carillon before she moved from there and she came to be very special to me. My thoughts are with the family. She was a very sweet lady.
Audrey Hartley

audrey hartley - April 03, 2017 at 11:39 PM